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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS PROGRAM

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1. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SENDING HIGH-LEVEL COMMISSION CONSISTING OF CONGRESSMAN DR. JULIO FUENTES SERRANO, PROF. JOSE RAMON ALMEA; (HUSBAND OF VICE/MINISTER OF EDUCATION) AND DR. OLGA ZORAIDA ALBARRAN, CHIEF OF ACADEMIC SECTION, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY PLANNING OFFICE, TO THE U.S. AND CANADA, JANUARY 25 TO FEBRUARY 19, 1975., TO OBSERVE SYSTEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO COLLECT REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR PREPARATION OF NEW VENEZUELAN LAW OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

2. THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ARE:

A) STUDY SYSTEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND COLLECT SAMPLES OF LEGISLATION; B) STUDY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BY CAREERS AND OBSERVE INTER-RELATION BETWEEN THE DEMAND FOR PROFESSIONALS AND THE STRUCTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS TO MEET JOB MARKET DEMANDS; C) OBSERVE METHODS USED TO ORIENT SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TOWARDS CAREERS IN FIELDS OF PREDICTED DEMAND; D) STUDY ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF UNIVERSITY FACULTIES, T GUARANTEE MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY AS WELL AS RECRUITMENT OF FACULTY.

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3. OBSERVATION TO BE ON NATIONAL, STATE, AND COMMUNITY LEVEL EXAMINATION OF INSTITUTIONS TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS: PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING, ORGANIZATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCING, SYSTEMS OF CONTROL AND EVALUATION. INSTITUTIONS TO INCLUDE UNIVERSITIES, TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES AND TEACHERS COLLEGES.

4. SIMILAR GROUPS ARE SCHEDULED TO TOUR A NUMBER OF OTHER SELECTED COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA. THREE IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES ARE INCLUDED: USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND POLAND. THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ASSIGNED TO THE US AND THE TIME ALLOTTED INDICATE THEIR OVERRIDING INTEREST IN THE US EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

5. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARMTNET'S ASSISTNCE WITH CONTACT AT THE FOLLOWING: WASHINGTON (JAN. 25-28) DEPT. OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, EDUCATION DIVISION, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION., OFFICE OF EDUCATION; HOUSE OF REPESENTATIVES- EDUCATION AND LABOR COMMITTEE; AMERICAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (FOR DISCUSSION OF JOB MARKET INFLUENCE ON CHOICE OF COURSE OF STUDIES.). NEW YORK (JAN 29-31) DR. SAMUEL GOULD, PRESIDENT INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT; NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH(AS AN EXAMPLE OF EXPRIEMENTAL EDUCATION); COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (TEACHERS COLLEGE); PRINCETOWN UNIVERSITY NEW JERSEY-EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE; EMERSON HIGH SCHOOL, EMERSON, NJ., BERRINGER HIGH SCHOOL, NEWARK, NJ. (TO STUDY DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES INTO MULTI-MEDIA CENTERS IN SECONDARY LEVEL EDUCATION. FEB. 1-4 CANADA. ALBANY, N.Y. (FEB5) N.Y. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (REVIEW ORGANIZATION, LEGISLATION, ETC); STATE UNIVERITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY (OBSERVE ADMINISTRATION AND VISIT SCHOOL OF EDUCATION). BOSTON (FEB.6) .MASSACHUSETTS INSITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, (AS PRIME EXAMPLE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE), WELLESLEY COLLEGE-OPTIONAL-(AS EXAMPLE OF PRIVATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE). CHICAGO (FEB7-9) UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSTIY. MADISON (FEB10) UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. SAN FRANCISCO (FEB-11-12) STANFORD UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO COLLEGE. SACRAMENTO (FEB13) CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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PASADENA (FEB13) CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. AUSTIN (FEB.14) UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. COLLGE STATION (FEB15) TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY. MIAMI (FEB15-18) MIAMI DADE JUNIOR COLLGE.

6. CLEARANCES OBTAINED FOR ALBARRAN, AND FUENTES, ALMEA PENDING.

7. REQUEST RESERVATIONS AT MODERATELY PRICED HOTELS.

8. BIO-DATA TO FOLLOW BY AIRMESSAGE.

9. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: ALMEA AND ALBARRA, GOOD;
FUENTES WILL NEED SERVICES OF INTERPRETER.

10. BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVEL OF COMMISSION, AND IMPORTANCE OF
MISSION, REQUEST ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN PROGRAMMING
AND EXTENDING PROPER COUNTESIES.
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